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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN R. GIBSON,)	1:05-CV-00042 AWI GSA HC
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER DECLINING ISSUANCE OF
v.)	CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY
)	
LEE ANN CHRONES,)	
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Respondent.)	

Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

On February 25, 2009, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal of the February 17, 2009, order dismissing his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. A state prisoner seeking a writ of habeas corpus has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court’s denial of his petition, and an appeal is only allowed in certain circumstances. Miller-El v. Cockrell, 123 S.Ct. 1029, 1039 (2003). The controlling statute in determining whether to issue a certificate of appealability is 28 U.S.C. § 2253, which provides as follows:

(a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a district judge, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court of appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held.

1 (b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test the
2 validity of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or trial
3 a person charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test the
4 validity of such person's detention pending removal proceedings.

5 (c) (1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an
6 appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—

7 (A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the
8 detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State
9 court; or

10 (B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.

11 (2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the
12 applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

13 (3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which
14 specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).

15 If a court denies a petitioner's petition, the court may only issue a certificate of appealability
16 "if jurists of reason could disagree with the district court's resolution of his constitutional claims or
17 that jurists could conclude the issues presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed
18 further." Miller-El, 123 S.Ct. at 1034; Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). While the
19 petitioner is not required to prove the merits of his case, he must demonstrate "something more than
20 the absence of frivolity or the existence of mere good faith on his . . . part." Miller-El, 123 S.Ct. at
21 1040.

22 In the present case, the Court finds that reasonable jurists would not find the Court's
23 determination that Petitioner is not entitled to federal habeas corpus relief debatable, wrong, or
24 deserving of encouragement to proceed further. Petitioner has not made the required substantial
25 showing of the denial of a constitutional right. Accordingly, the Court hereby DECLINES to issue a
26 certificate of appealability.

27 IT IS SO ORDERED.

28 **Dated: March 24, 2009**

/s/ Anthony W. Ishii
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE